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Statement from San José Mayor Reed Regarding 18-month Improvement in Crime

San José, Calif. – The San José Police Department has released and posted mid-year crime data for the first half of 2014 showing a significant decrease in crime since 2012.

Serious crimes of all types dropped by 9.1% from January to June of 2014 (over the same period in 2013). That drop builds on a 10.3% decrease for calendar year 2013.

Homicides dropped by 20.8% in the first six months of 2014. In 2013, homicides declined by 15.6% over 2012.

Violent crimes in San José in 2013 were at the second-lowest level in a decade.

These crime statistics and more can be found on the SJPD website at:

<http://www.sjpd.org/CrimeStats/crimestats.html>.

Mayor Chuck Reed has released the following statement:

“I want to thank the men and women of the San José Police Department for their continued efforts to reduce crime in San José. With the leadership of Chief Larry Esquivel, they have responded to problems creatively and redeployed resources effectively. I also thank the many community members and organizations who have worked in collaboration with our department to make our city safer. The positive relationship our police department has with our community is extremely valuable and we are grateful for it.”

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